

such that the resulting complex can bind to and autophosphorylate ret receptor protein tyrosine kinase.

The presently claimed nucleotide and polypeptide sequences were not described or suggested in the cited art before the priority date of the present application. For the foregoing reasons and in view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request consideration of present claims. Applicants' representative would appreciate the opportunity to talk with the Examiner, in person or by telephone, to discuss any remaining questions and facilitate the prosecution and allowance of the application or to place the case in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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